Waiting List for Release of Telephone Connections

957. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of persons are on waiting list for release of telephone connections in Delhi and outside;

(b) if so, the details thereof state-wise and union-territory-wise as on 28.2.91;

(c) whether Government propose to release some connections in each state and union-territory during 1991;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to take fresh steps to clear the waiting list in all states and union-territories; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statement laid on the table of the House *vide* Annexure-I.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Statement laid on the table of the House vide Annexture-II.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The draft Eighth Plan has been formulated with an objective to provide (by the end of eighth five year plan) telephones on demand in telephone exchanges of capacities below 5000 lines and to contain the waiting list on an average to one year in exchanges of capacities of 5000 lines and above. With this objective expansion plans are drawn for clearing the waiting list progressively during the Eighth Plan period.

Statement

I. *The number of persons on the waiting list for release of telephone connections tn Delhi and outside are as detailed below as on* 31-1-1991 *(latest available data on date)*

Sl. No.	Name of State/U.T.	Number of persons on waiting list fos Telephone connecrtions as on 31-1-1991
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	95794
2	Assam	10187
3	Bihar	18034
4	Gujarat (includes Dadra, Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu)	154691
5	Haryana	58405
6	Himachal Pradesh	11689
7	J & K	16729
8	Karnataka	105494
9	Kerala (includes Lakshdweep)	178869
10	Madhya Pradesh	90395
11	Maharashtra	422972
12	Goa	9624
13	Arunachal Pradesh	326
14	Manipur	1501
15	Meghalaya	1455
16	Mizoram	660

1	2	3
17	Nagaland	758
18	Tripura	608
19	Orissa	5220
20	Punjab (includes Chandigarh)	124225
21	Rajasthan	100414
22	Tamil Nadu (includes Pondicherry)	153663
23	Uttar Pradesh	96736
24	West Bengal	46601
25	Sikkim	114
26	Andaman, Nicobar Islands	443
27	Delhi	290115

II. *Total Telephone connections likely to be provided during* 1991 *the breakup as follows:*

Sl. No.	State/Circle	No. of Telephone connections likely to be provided in 1991
1	Arunachal Pradesh	17700
2	Assam	8900
3	Bihar	12200
4	Gujarat (includes Dadra, Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu)	21800
5	Haryana	15200
6	J & K.	900
7	Himachal Pradesh	5200
8	Karnaraka	14000
9	Kerala (includes Lakshadweep)	16500
10	Madhya Pradesh	15800
11	Maharashtra (includes Goa)	71200
12	North Eastern States (Arunachal Pradesh Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura)	4300
13	Orissa	7600
14	Punjab (includes Chandigarh)	9800
15	Rajasthan	22000
16	Tamil Nadu (includes Pondicherry)	18100
17	Uttar Pradesh	38700
18	West Bengal (includes Sikkim and Andaman, Nicobar Islands)	30000
19	Delhi	55000
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